

Mayor Coleman's Second Shift Commission Ready for School, Ready for Life

Education is core to the quality of life in our great city. In Saint Paul we strive to ensure that learning opportunities are accessible for all and support young people's success in school and life. Mayor Chris Coleman called the City to action through the Second Shift Initiative. This refers to the time young people spend out of school; the non-school hours including after school and summer hours. Young people spend 20% of their time in school and 80% in the out-of-school time. Focusing on the opportunities available to youth during the "Second Shift" is critical to closing opportunity gaps and ensuring all young people have opportunities to excel.

In 2006, Mayor Coleman created the Second Shift Commission as a subcommittee of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission. The Second Shift Commission benefits from the perspective, skills and relationships of many stakeholder groups such as community-based and nonprofit organizations; the faith community; post-secondary institutions; the business community; civic, cultural, and parent groups; K-12 education systems; and libraries and Parks and Recreation. Young people are encouraged to provide leadership by joining the Saint Paul Second Shift Youth Commission.

Broadly, the Second Shift Commission is charged to:

- Advise and make recommendations as to the over-all policy direction of the Second Shift Initiative;
- Identify critical resources for the Second Shift Initiative;
- Maintain communication among providers, families and young people.

Current Second Shift Commissioners include:

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